of Advanced Light Helicopter. The project has been sanctioned in June, 1984 at a cost of Rs. 94.87 crores at 1982-83 price level. The preliminary design phase is over and the process of selection of engine for powering the helicopter is in progress. The project is on schedule and the helicopter will be put into service in early 1990s.

Earlier, in February, 1976 an Armed Light Helicopter project with a single engine configuration was sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 41.05 crores at 1975-76 price level. Later, in 1978 the emerging battle field environment necessitated adoption of a twin engine configuration for the helicopter incorporating advanced technology concepts.

Manning of the Indo-Pak borders by UN observers

2480. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the UN observers are manning the border line between India and Pakistan, including the area known as actual line of control;

(b) what is the number of such observers, their nationalities and ranks; and

(c) what is the amount of contribution India has to make to the United Nations for the services of these observers per annum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) UN Military observers stationed in India do not man or monitor the line of control in Jammu & Kashmir on the Indian side;

(b) Details for the month of November, 1985 are as follows :

Number of observers stationed on the Indian side—11

Nationality	Nos.	Ranks	
Italian	4	Lieutenant Colonel	1
		Captains	2
		Major	1
Danish	3	Captains	3
Swedish	1	Major	1
Australian	1	Captain	1
Chilean	1	Major	1
Finnish	1	Captain	1

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